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CHARACTER IN GAIT.

Men Who Walk in Wicked Ways—
Gait of the Good.

[Alta California.]
It is well to beware of the man who carries his left foot in toward his right in walking, giving the impression that his right foot turns out and his left turns in. This man is a petty larcenist. He may perhaps have never stolen in his life, but that was because of fear, or lack of opportunity, but all the same he is liable at any time to sequester unconsidered trifles for pure wantonness. He is of a kleptomaniac nature, but he is not nearly so dangerous as the man who deliberately lifts his legs up from the thigh as though he was going up stairs. That man is a natural and educated villain. In England, where the tread-mill is used in prisons, many convicts acquire that peculiar step, but it is the natural, careful, cat-like tread of the criminal. The girl who walks with a flat foot planted squarely on the ground, as though she wanted it to grow there, may not be as attractive as the girl with the arched instep, but she is a good deal better natured. She is sure to be a good nurse, kind-hearted, sympathetic, anxious to bear the burdens of others, while the girl with the arched foot is nearly sure to be selfish, and certain to be a coquette if she walks on her toes.

The man of short, nervous steps is always a business man of energy, but if the stride is from the knee only, he is cold and selfish, caring for no one but himself. The man whose stride is long and at the same time energetic, is generally bright, always erratic and ill-balanced, often contented, always careless of the ground he treads on, generally willing to sacrifice much for praise and eclat, and, while often a good fellow, generally unreliable. The diplomat and the financier have a smooth, gliding walk, hard to describe but easy to recognize. There is nothing sneaking about it, but it betokens careful deliberation, as though every step were duly considered before being made.

Great statesmen and great philanthropists always have a loose, shambling gait, which comes of thinking about others more than about themselves. The strut of the vain man, the teetering trip of the "dude," the lounging gait of the unemployed club man, are all too familiar to require description. To say that a person walks like a lady or like a gentleman is high praise. The gait can never be picked up in after life, it must be born in a man or woman, and cultivated in early youth. It is lost to a man when he falls into bad ways, for so surely as he loses his consciousness of rectitude and pride of honor, so surely will he pick up the gait of the loafer. An honest man, gentle or simple, never walks like a thief, and a thief can never counterfeit the gait of an honest man, but, in attempting to apply these rules to men, one knows it must be remembered that all thieves are not caught, and all suspected persons are not bad.

Peculiarities of Katydids.

[Eastern Letter.]
The good people of Connecticut—that is to say, the good, old-fashioned people—have strong faith in certain peculiar weather-signs. One of these is the appearance of the katydid as the precursor of the first snow, which is said to come weeks after the first mournful note of the "night grasshopper," as it is sometimes called, is sounded. The katydids were first heard this year in Connecticut about Aug. 14, so that snow is looked for by the "believers" about the end of September. The katydid is a "peculiar beastie" and selects its stopping place without any apparent regard to fixed rules.
In Hartford and in all the cities of New England whose streets are bordered by trees, there are certain avenues that resound half the night with the harsh, noisy concert of innumerable katydids, while on the next thoroughfare, though it offers every inducement in the way of foliage, not a katydid is heard. In Norwich, Conn., dark, tree-shaded Broadway is so infested for two months by the insects that passing strangers pause in astonishment, mystified by an uproarious clatter. So loud and clamorous was the katydid concert in the trees about the walls of Park church, that city, one Sunday evening two summers ago, that the officiating clergyman was compelled to dismiss the congregation, as he was unable to make himself heard above the din. On other umbrageous streets in the city, not two blocks away from the church, a katydid is rarely heard. The same peculiarity of the insects is noticeable also in the woods, there being certain quarters that they frequent in armies and others that they persistently avoid.

Relieved by a Word.

[Asbury Park Journal.]
Two ladies who passed down Cookman avenue yesterday suffered a careful scrutiny from all they met. They were so much alike there seemed no difference between them in feature, face, height or size, even as they stood side by side. To make matters more complicated they were dressed precisely the same, and each carried a black silk umbrella in her left hand. One man thought he was drunk and seeing double. The worried expression on his face vanished in an instant when he heard some one whisper, "Twins."

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